

Claim 8, lines 1-2, change "any of the foregoing claims" to --claim 1--; and

Claim 9, line 1, change "claims 7 and 8" to --claim 8--.

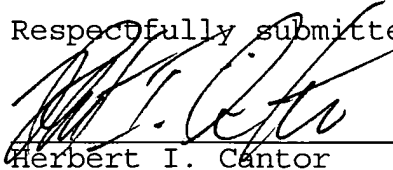
REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. This Preliminary Amendment merely removes multiple dependencies and a minor informality.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Evenson, McKeown, Edwards & Lenahan, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #48015).

Respectfully submitted,



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